

McCormick's Creek State Park Interpretive Center

June Programs



Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Please contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- 812-829-4344.

****Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1- FULL MOON

8:30 p.m. **"Strawberry Moon" Night Hike-** Meet at Canyon Inn front steps. The full moon in June is known as the Strawberry Moon! Learn why and experience the night at McCormick's Creek State Park. (1.5 hr)



SATURDAY, JUNE 2: DISCOVER McCORMICK'S!

9:30 a.m. **HP/HP-Discover McCormick's Geo-caching!**-Register for Geo-caching at the Nature Center Auditorium. Please bring your own GPS unit. Learn the rules of the game, receive coordinates/clues, and start off on your exploration of Indiana's oldest state park! Great prizes for teams/individuals that finish before 4:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. **Feeling Disoriented/Compass Hike-** Nature Center Outdoor Program Area. A short refresher course on map and compass skills and a chance to try out your skills on our Nature Center Orienteering Course. (45 min.)

2:00 p.m. **Walking Stick Workshop-** Nature Center Outdoor Program Area. \$5/walking stick. Pre-register at Park Office (812-829-2235) before June 2 or at the Nature Center on June 2.

3:00 p.m. **HP/HP- Discover Secrets of the Past-** Meet at Nature Center. Hike to an old homestead of the Peden family, one of the first pioneer families to live on this land. (1 hour)

7:30 p.m. **Live Music! Saw Mill Gang-** Enjoy a beautiful night at the **Park Amphitheater** and listen to the tunes of a Bedford-based country/bluegrass group.



SUNDAY, JUNE 3: DISCOVER McCORMICK'S!

9:00 a.m. **Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

10:00 a.m. **HP/HP-Forest Discovery Hike-** NC. Be a detective. Uncover what the animals were doing last night by looking at clues in the forest. (45 min.)

2:00 p.m. **Discover McCormick's REPTILES-** NC. Learn about the native reptiles to McCormick's Creek State Park. Live snakes and turtles up-close.

MONDAY, JUNE 4

11:00 a.m. **Prime Real Estate-** Animal homes and habitats! Short walk from the Nature Center.



2:00 p.m. Back off, Stay Away! Animal and Plant Defenses- NC

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

11:00 a.m. Stately Treasures- Nature Center.

2:00 p.m. Nature Invented it First- Nature Center. You may think Velcro has nothing to do with nature... learn how plants and animals have inspired us to new and advanced inventions.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

2:00 p.m. Journey of a Water Droplet- Where will the water you drink today be tomorrow? Short activity and talk at the Nature Center.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

11:00 a.m. Tree I.D.- Sit in the shade of a...come and find out. Learn some common trees in Indiana. Nature Center Outdoor Program Area.

2:00 p.m. Incredible Insects- Meet at the Nature Center for a short hike. Insects are everywhere! They are also how we get our food...



FRIDAY, JUNE 8

11:00 a.m. Using Your Senses- Meet at Nature Center. Feeling senseless? We'll help you use all of your 6 senses, yes, 6!

2:00 p.m. Owl Pellet Dissection- Whooooo's been eating whooooo? Nature Center.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

11:00 a.m. Turtle Talk- Nature Center Outdoor Program Area. Come out of your SHELL and learn about native turtles to McCormick's Creek State Park.

2:00 p.m. Roving Naturalist at Wolf Cave Parking Lot.

8:30 p.m. Native American Storytelling- Nature Center Outdoor Program Area. How did Opossum get a naked tail...sit back and relax to stories about the night and animals of the night. (1 hr.)

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 a.m. Worship Service. Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

10:00 a.m. Tree Trivia: Nature Center. Sit in the shade of a... come and find out. Learn some common trees in Indiana.

2:00 p.m. Feeling Disoriented: Map and Compass- Nature Center Outdoor Program Area- A short refresher course on map and compass skills and a chance to try out your skills on our Nature Center Orienteering Course.

MONDAY, JUNE 11

11:00 a.m. HP/HP-Creek Critters: Meet at the Nature Center- Who's living in the creek? Help us look for macro-invertebrates! (1 hr.)

2:00 p.m. Cold-Blooded Critters: Nature Center Outdoor Program Area- Look at snakes and turtles up-close to learn about their special adaptations.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

11:00 a.m. Nature through the Lens: Meet at Nature Center- Nature Photography for amateurs, learn some tips and tricks on this short hike.

2:00 p.m. Hide and Seek, Can You See Me? NC. Animals in camouflage!



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

2:00 p.m. Squirmy Worms- Nature Center- Can worms see, hear, and smell? Learn about worm characteristics and worm composting. (45 min.)

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

11:00 a.m. The Power of Water- Meet at the Falls Parking Lot- Don't underestimate the power of water.

2:00 p.m. **Nature's Look-alikes-** Nature Center. Can you tell the difference?
"Leaves of three, let it be... leaves of five, let it thrive"...

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

7:30 p.m. **HP/HP- Rush Hour at Sunset!-** Meet at Campground Gate- Don't get caught in a traffic jam... Some animals are finding a place to rest, and some are going to work. Hike to the White River to see this busy hour.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16



11:00 a.m. **Prime Real Estate: Animal homes and habitats-** Meet at Canyon Inn front steps. Hike to look at animal apartments and condos.

2:00 p.m. **Wetland Habitat Models-** Nature Center Auditorium- Use clay and other materials to make your own wetland wonderland.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17: FATHER'S DAY

9:00 a.m. **Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

10:00 a.m. **Coffee and Songbirds:** Nature Center. Learn about the connection between coffee and migratory songbirds over a cup o' joe.

2:00 p.m. **Build Dad a Butterfly House:** Or bring him along and make one with him! Cost=\$12/butterfly house. All materials included. Pre-register at Park Office (829-2235) before June 17 or at Nature Center on June 17.



MONDAY, JUNE 18

11:00 a.m. **HP/HP- Forest Discovery Hike:** Be a detective. Uncover what the animals were doing last night by looking at clues in the forest. (45 min.)

2:00 p.m. **Cold-Blooded Critters-** Nature Center Outdoor Program Area- Look at snakes and turtles up-close to learn about their special adaptations.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

11:00 a.m. **HP/HP- Wolf Cave Hike:** Wolf Cave Parking Lot- Experience the legend and learn about this unique geologic formation. Bring a flashlight if you want to crawl through. (1.5 hrs.)

2:00p.m. **Hide and Seek, Can You See Me? - NC.** Animals in camouflage!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

2:00 p.m. **Sun-print Craft:** Nature Center Outdoor Program Area. Use the sun's rays to create magical art.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21: SUMMER SOLSTICE: Longest day of the year!



11:00 a.m. **Make Your Own Sun Dial:** Nature Center.

2:00 p.m. **Keepin' it Cool:** Nature Center Outdoor Program Area. How do animals keep cool during long summer days?

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

2:00 p.m. **Make your own paper:** Nature Center. Use recycled materials to make your own paper to take home.



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Arts in the Park

Presented by Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park, Inc.

June 22-24, 2007



FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 22

7-9:00 p.m- Opening Performance- Pine Bluff Shelter- Relax to the toe-tappin' tunes of *Crossfire*, a local Bloomington bluegrass band.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Arts in the Park- Redbud Shelter and surrounding area- Local art vendors featuring their works including pottery, quilting, jewelry, painting, photography, and much more. Special presentations by Owen Co. painter-Ken Bucklew and Owen Co. photographer Rich Fields (times to be announced)

11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. - Music in the Park- Pine Bluff Shelter and surrounding area- Sit back and relax to a variety of local musicians... there's something for everyone- bluegrass, jazz, blues, funk, and acoustic rock in a beautiful outdoor setting. Check special Arts in the Park program schedule for more details on bands and times.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Shakespeare in the Park- Presented by Monroe County Civic Theater: Watch William Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra come alive on stage at Pine Bluff Shelter. Free to all visitors to the park.

MONDAY, JUNE 25

11:00 a.m. The Power of Water: Meet at the Falls Parking Lot- Don't underestimate the power of water.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

11:00 a.m. HP/HP- Creek Critter Hike: Nature Center. Who's living in the creek? Help us look for macro-invertebrates. (1 hr.)

2:00 p.m. Nature's First-Aid: Nature Center. Poison ivy got you down? Take a short hike and learn about some natural ways to heal minor bumps and bruises. (45 min.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

No programs today. Tour the nature center and enjoy the wildlife viewing room.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

11:00 a.m. Prime Real Estate: Nature Center. Animal homes and habitats! Short walk from the Nature Center.

2:00 p.m. HP/HP- Not all fire is bad- Nature Center. What role does fire play in our state parks? Come learn about the benefits a controlled fire can bring to the natural environment.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

11:00 a.m. Up in the sky! It's a bird!... but what kind? Meet at the Nature Center for a short hike to I.D. some of McCormick's Creek's winged wonders.

2:00 p.m. Cold-Blooded Critters: Nature Center Outdoor Program Area- Look at snakes and turtles up-close to learn about their special adaptations.

5-7 p.m. Be on the lookout for a roving naturalist! Stop by the campground gate and chat with an interpretive naturalist.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30- 2ND FULL MOON

11:00 a.m. Survival Shelter 101. Nature Center. Come to use sticks and leaves to learn some tips and tricks at building your own debris shelter.

2:00 p.m. Turtle Talk- Nature Center Outdoor Program Area. Come out of your SHELL and learn about native turtles to McCormick's Creek State Park.

8:30 p.m. HP/HP- Once in a Blue Moon Night Hike- Meet at Canyon Inn front steps. "Once in a blue moon" is a common way of saying not very often, but what exactly is a Blue Moon. This month, we have two full moons, so enjoy another full moon night hike with a naturalist. (1.5 hr.)